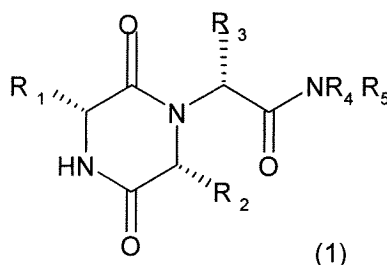


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (1)



wherein R₁ is 2-indanyl, R₂ is 1-methylpropyl, R₃ is 2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl and R₄ and R₅ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached represents morpholino, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) A compound which is (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound which is (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1R)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

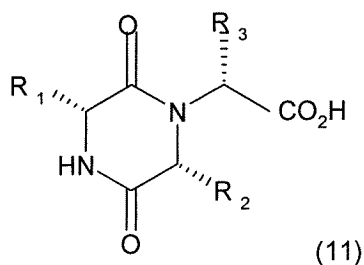
4. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1) as claimed in 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers.

5. (Previously Cancelled).

6. (Previously Cancelled).

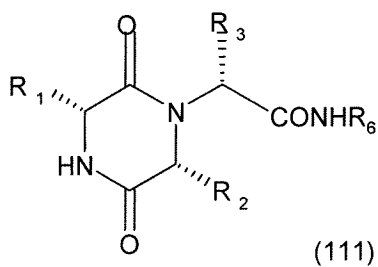
7. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of compounds of formula (I) which comprises:

(a) reacting a compound of formula (II)



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 have the meanings defined in claim 1 or a mixed anhydride thereof, with the amine NHR_4R_5 wherein R_4 and R_5 have the meaning defined in formula (I) under the standard condition for preparing amides from a carboxylic acid or a mixed anhydride thereof and an amine; or

(b) reacting a compound of formula (III)



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 have the meanings defined in claim 1 and R_6 is 2-hydroxyphenyl with carbonyldiimidazole or thiocarbonyldiimidazole in a suitable solvent and subsequent reaction of the product thus formed with amine NHR_4R_5 wherein R_4 and R_5 have the meaning defined in formula (I).

8. (Previously Cancelled).

9. (New) A pharmaceutical composition of claim 4, wherein the compound is (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
10. (New) A compound which is (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.
11. (New) A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of (3R,6R)-3-(2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-2-yl)-1-[(1R)-1-(2-methyl-1,3-oxazol-4-yl)-2-(4-morpholinyl)-2-oxoethyl]-6-[(1S)-1-methylpropyl]-2,5-piperazinedione.